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Annual Report 

Town of New Hampton

 1897-98.



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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Agent

And School Board,

OF THE

Town of New Hampton

FOR THE

Year Ending Feb. 15,

1898.

MEREDITH, N. H.:
W. J. RANDOLPH, PRINTER.
1898.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator, L. P. BICKFORD.

Town Clerk, EDWARD E. DOW.

Selectmen, J. H. BERRY, J. C. TILTON, B. H. SMITH.

Treasurer, M. H. MERROW.

Road Agent, S. A. HOWARD.

Auditors, J. E. GREY, A. S. BRONSON,

Supervisors, L. J. HARPER, C. E. DICKERMAN,
F. D. SANBORN.

School Board, EMMA F. BRONSON, L. P. BICKFORD,
E. S. CRAM.

Inventory.

VALUATION.

243 Polls,	\$ 24,300
345 Horses,	13,902
54 Oxen,	2,010
447 Cows,	9,527
157 Neat stock,	2,102
294 Sheep,	586
41 Hogs,	350
Stock in banks,	300
Money at interest,	18,068
Stock in trade,	14,540
Mills and machinery,	2,500
Land and buildings,	235,489
1 Carriages,	65
522 Fowls,	261
Money in corporations out of State,	1,600

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

AMOUNT RAISED BY TAXATION IN 1897.

State tax,	\$ 820 00
County tax,	944 59
School money by law,	820 00
Extra school money,	300 00
Precinct tax,	50 00
Town charges,	300 00
Highway tax,	2000 00
Overlay,	238 63
Memorial day appropriation,	25 00
	<hr/> \$5498 22 <hr/>
Amount committed to S. J. Clay for collection,	\$5498 22
Receipts from Treasurer by S. J. Clay for taxes,	5252 01
Over taxes,	152 69
Abatements,	42 43
Amount due from collector,	51 09
	<hr/> \$5498 22 <hr/>

Receipts.

1897.

Money in treasury, Feb. 15, 1897,	\$1,316 45
Railroad tax,	70 07
Savings Bank tax,	968 74
Literary fund,	92 38
E. E. Dow, dog license,	117 60
S. J. Clay, taxes, 1897,	5,252 01
Rec. of County Commissioners, cash paid out for	
Co. paupers,	182 00
Rec. of Plymouth Bank, for note,	700 00
“ “ James Plaisted,	1,000 00
“ “ James Plaisted,	500 00

Rec. of New Hampton Institution,	\$730 00
“ “ Town of Ashland, part of school supplies,	4 90
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	\$10,934 15

Money Paid Out by Selectmen.

STATE TAX.

Paid.

Solan A. Carter, State Treasurer,	\$820 00
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COUNTY TAX.

Mark M. Robinson, County Treasurer,	944 59
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PRECINCT TAX.

F. P. Morrill, Treasurer,	50 00
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SCHOOL MONEY.

Emma F. Bronson,	1317 68
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

R. A. Carver, printing reports,	41 00
E. C. Eastman, balance due 1896,	32
J. P. Sanborn, memorial appropriation.	25 00
A. S. Bronson, expense as health officer.	2 00
Noah Rollins, care of town house,	5 00
E. D. Eastman, collectors book,	1 40
B. H. Smith, wire and staples by order of selectmen 1896,	1 75
Martin Woodman, cash paid for legal advice by order of selectmen 1896.	1 00
Wiley & Dickerman, notices for bridges,	4 00
N. L. Ward, burial permits,	50
Geo. Brown, burial permits,	90
J. N. Rockwell, snowing bridge,	12 00
J. N. Rockwell, lighting bridge,	32 50
Dr. J. C. Wheel, recording births and deaths,	50
Dr. Bishop, recording births and deaths,	1 25
G. A. Leavitt, board of J. H. Berry, Selectman,	20 00
G. A. Leavitt, board of J. C. Tilton, Selectman,	4 00
G. A. Leavitt, board of B. H. Smith, Selectman,	7 50

G. A. Leavitt, board of Selectmen previous to Mar. 8, 1897,	11 25
Martin Woodman for cash advanced on taxes of 1896,	13 57
Plymouth Bank, interest on note,	21 00
Jewell & Stone, legal advice in Batchelder bridge case in 1896,	25 00
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	\$231 44

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid:

F. W. Sanborn, books,	\$5 60
“ bill for copy books, etc.,	9 28
Franklin Pub. Co., for Lang. studies purchased, '96,	75 00
Mrs. Bronson, stationery and stamps,	1 76
“ express on school supplies,	79
Ginn & Co., books bought in 1896,	65 23
E. S. Cram, bill for ink,	2 40
F. P. Morrill, bill, for crayons, pencils, etc.,	4 35

WATER TUBS.

K. W. Smith, one year,	3 00
Harlon Hall, one year,	3 00
J. M. Flanders, Jr., one year,	3 00
A. B. Smith, one year,	3 00
L. J. Harper, one year,	3 00
John H. Burden, one year,	3 00
E. Provencal, one year,	3 00
S. S. Plaisted, one year,	3 00
David Sanborn, one year,	3 00
A. R. Hannaford, 2 years,	4 00
W. H. H. Buzzell, one year,	3 00
Martin Woodman, one year,	3 00
D. P. Wallace, 3 years,	9 00
S. J. Clay one year,	3 00
S. A. R. Pike, one year,	3 00

SHEEP DAMAGE.

Paid.

F. B. Smith,	\$ 35 00
Geo. W. Gilman,	2 50
E. S. Cram,	3 00
Clara Hawkins,	5 00
John B. Chase,	5 00
S. P. Huckins,	10 50
F. B. Dalton, apprising damage to sheep,	1 50
B. H. Smith, " " " "	2 00
J. H. Berry, " " " "	4 00

EXPENSE IN SETTLEMENT OF SUIT BETWEEN
ASHLAND AND NEW HAMPTON.

Paid.

Town of Ashland rebate of taxes for 3 years on water	
works and costs,	\$222 02
Jewell & Stone, legal service in case,	138 00
J. M. Flanders, Jr., attendance at hearing,	4 85
B. H. Smith, " and expense,	9 00
D. K. Blake, " " "	7 50
J. C. Tilton, " " "	16 50
J. H. Berry, " " "	17 73

SELECTMEN'S CASH EXPENSES.

Paid.

J. H. Berry, 1 telephone to Laconia,	\$ 40
" " " stationery and postage,	1 00
" " " J. L. Wilson, legal advice,	1 00
" " " express paid on money,	90
" " " car fare in pauper cases,	5 64
" " " cash expenses to settle County bills,	8 00
J. C. Tilton, use of team, during year,	7 75
" " " cash paid for legal advice,	3 00
" " " paper and postage for use at selectmen's	
room,	1 34
" " " car fare,	2 14

B. H. Smith, use of team during year,	\$6 50
" " " stationery, postage and printing notices,	1 25
" " " time and expense regarding town cemetery,	8 00

ROAD AGENT ACCOUNT.

Paid:

S. A. Howard, Mar. 20, 1897,	\$ 50 00
Apr. 28,	500 00
May 31,	300 00
June 38,	500 00
Aug. 12,	500 00
Aug. 28,	500 00
Sept. 25,	500 00
Oct. 22,	500 00
Oct. 30,	350 00
Nov. 27.	500 00
Dec. 28,	300 00
Jan. 15, 1898,	50 00
Jan. 29,	250 00
Feb. 14,	500 00
Feb. 16,	160 20

COUNTY POOR.

Paid:

Board of Nancy Webster,	180 00
Board of Tramp,	14 85
Board of Mary Thompson,	10 00

TOWN POOR.

Paid:

Henry Davis, board of Kate Corliss,	8 00
" care of "	8 00
Mrs. H. Q. Veasey, care of Kate Corliss in sickness,	4 00
J. E. Gray, goods furnished for support of Kate Corliss,	5 00
A. S. Bronson, medical attendance,	10 00
J. C. Tilton, expense in furnishing aid,	1 00

SERVICES.

Paid:

J. H. Berry, services as selectman,	\$85 00
“ overseer of poor,	13 50
J. C. Tilton, services as selectman,	69 75
B. H. Smith, services as selectman,	65 00
S. J. Clay, services as collector,	100 00
M. H. Merrow, services as treasurer,	40 00
“ auditor in 1896—1897,	2 00
J. M. Flanders, police service,	12 00
E. E. Dow, town clerk,	32 65
Emma F. Bronson, school board services,	28 24
“ “ treasurer,	10 00
L. P. Bickford, school board services,	22 88
L. P. Bickford, services as truant officer,	9 00
E. S. Cram, school board services,	32 85
G. W. Hodgdon, dog police,	7 50

ROAD ACCOUNT PREVIOUS TO MAR. 9, 1897.

LABOR ON HIGHWAY.

Paid:

Edwin M. Huckins,	1 80
J. E. Meservey,	1 00
Lewis Sherburne,	2 50
A. L. Smith,	5 70
S. E. Smith,	9 00
J. H. Berry,	1 50
E. S. Hopkins,	3 50
J. B. Huckins,	4 65
W. R. Dearborn,	1 45
J. H. Burden,	3 60
W. R. Robie,	4 20
Ira Martin,	1 42
D. K. Blake,	1 95
L. J. Harper,	10 69
C. P. Stevens,	9 82

F. B. Dalton,		\$15 37
Rodney Huckins,		6 00
S. G. Kelley,		12 65
Harlon Hall.		5 00
Paid.		
Julius Knockman,	labor on highway,	\$10 00
J. H. Walker,	" " "	5 25
J. P. Sanborn,	" " "	2 00
Orin Blake,	" " "	7 10
J. S. Stevens,	" " "	6 65
B. H. Smith,	" " "	2 35
Orin Blake,	" " "	9 30
Oscar Sleeper,	" " "	1 65
A. M. Gordon,	" " "	75
F. B. Smith,	" " "	5 48
Victor L. Huckins,	" " "	3 56
W. H. H. Buzzell,	" " "	2 00
J. C. Tilton,	" " "	1 65
S. J. Clay,	" " "	3 00
F. W. Preston,	" " "	2 00
J. R. Dearborn,	" " "	1 60
Samuel Plaisted,	" " "	2 50
Willie Provencal,	" " "	1 00
J. M. Flanders, Jr.,	" " "	8 50
Hosea Q. Veasey,	" " "	13 50
Rufus Flanders,	" " "	1 00
S. F. Lougee,	" " "	12 73
E. G. Boynton,	" " "	1 60
A. M. Mudgett,	" " "	5 05
Henry E. Wells,	" " "	3 00
Charles Small,	" " "	1 95
D. B. Whitcher,	" " "	8 92
Noah S. Ward,	" " "	2 30
Geo. Brown,	" " "	8 45
C. H. Sanborn,	" " "	1 00
T. M. Kenniston.	" " "	22 00

E. C. Wallace,	labor on highway,	\$ 3 30
James Plaisted,	" " "	3 90
Geo. F. Smith,	" " "	60
F. A. Emerson,	" " "	1 50
B. H. Smith,	" " "	9 10
C. H. Dickinson,	bill for bridge plank,	10 25
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		\$10,630 85

RECAPITULATION.

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED. \$10,934 15

Paid.

State tax,	\$820 00
County tax,	944 59
Precinct tax,	50 00
Schools,	1,317 68
Roads and Bridges, since Mar. 9,	5,460 20
" " previous to Mar. 9,	288 29
Town Poor,	36 00
County Poor,	204 85
Water Tubs,	52 00
Sheep Damage,	68 50
General Expenses,	231 44
Services Town Officers,	530 37
School supplies,	164 41
Expense in Ashland suit,	415 60
Selectmen, cash expenses,	46 92
Cash on hand,	303 30

\$10,934 15

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. E. DICKERMAN.

A. S. BRONSON.

Auditors.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES

Notes outstanding,	\$2,930 00
Interest on note to Feb. 15, 1898,	47 10
	<hr/> \$2,977 10

ASSETS

Cash in treasury,	\$303 30
Due from collector,	51 09
Due from county,	24 85
	<hr/> \$379 24
Total indebtedness,	\$2,597 86

J. H. BERRY,
J. C. TILTON,
B. H. SMITH.

Selectmen of New Hampton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1897-8.

M. H. Merrow, Town Treasurer, in Account with the Town
of New Hampton.

1897.		DR.
Mar. 27.	To cash in Treasury,	\$1,316 45
June 26.	cash of Plymouth bank, \$700—\$21 in.	679 00
	By Selectmen,	
Aug. 12.	To cash of J. H. Plaisted,	1,000 00
	By Selectmen,	
Sept. 25.	To cash of Ed. Dow (dog tax),	117 60
	By Selectmen,	
Oct. 7.	To cash of J. H. Plaisted,	500 00
	By Selectmen,	
Dec. 20.	To cash of Ashland, one-half school sup- plies, School 17,	4 90
Dec. 28.	To cash of State Treasurer,	1,131 19
1898.		
Jan. 15.	To cash of Belknap County to date,	182 00
	By Selectmen,	
Feb. 16.	To cash of N. H. Institution,	730 00
	By Selectmen,	
Feb. 18.	To cash of S. J. Clay, Col. to date,	5,251 91
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		\$10,913 05
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Feb. 18.	By paid Orders of Selectmen to date,	\$10,609 01
	Cash in Treasury,	304 04
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		\$10,913 05

We have examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of New Hampton, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. E. DICKERMAN,
A. S. BRONSON,

Auditors.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT.

From Mar. 9, 1897.

Paid:

Ackerman, Arthur, labor,	\$18 00
Brown, George, breaking roads,	11 72
Blake, Orrin, breaking roads,	121 10
Battise, John H., labor,	46 20
Buzzell, W. H. H., labor and breaking roads,	73 64
Batchelder, Prescott D., labor,	12 37
Batchelder, C. H., Jr, labor,	35 55
Blake, D. K., labor and breaking roads,	60 50
Berry, John H., breaking roads,	76 90
Batchelder, Henry L., running road machine,	110 01
Boynton, J. W., breaking roads,	52 14
Boynton, Harry C., labor with team,	3 50
Burpee, Myra E., lumber,	2 50
Bowles, G. C., labor,	4 50
Boynton, G. C., labor,	60
Batchelder, C. H., labor,	1 64
Bristol, town, lumber and use of lumber,	55 15
Cavis Bros., nails,	2 10
Copp, W. H., sign board,	90
Cummings, S. B., plow and points,	14 00
Cloutman, N. B., lumber,	34 66
Clay, S. J., labor and breaking roads,	27 90
Corliss, J. S., labor,	40 75
Cook, Gardner & Son,	45 47
Dearborn, J. R., breaking roads,	14 94
Drake, L. H., breaking roads,	47 95
Davis, Henry A., labor,	12 75
Dow, O. F.,	10 00
Ellis, J. N., care of road,	4 50
Elliott Morton J., labor,	27 75
Emerson, F. A., labor and breaking roads	18 65

Flanders, Rufus, breaking roads,	\$63 60
Fellows, D. T., blasting rocks,	2 50
Flanders, John M. Jr., grade,	20 00
Fleming J., labor, Bristol bridge,	4 80
Fifield, R. J., labor and team,	5 85
Freight bills on edges and lumber,	7 92
Fifield, J. S., labor,	21 24
Gordon, J. S., labor,	1 50
Gordon, A. C.,	7 50
Gilman, O. P. labor,	75
Grant, D. W., blacksmithing,	7 25
Gordon, C. A., labor,	7 20
Goodell, M. S., labor,	43 50
Gordon, C. Q., breaking roads,	10 95
Gault, S. N., labor,	60 00
Gordon, R. M. labor,	1 50
Gordon, James, breaking roads,	90
Hawkins, Everett, lumber,	2 16
Hanaford, A. R., labor and team,	14 25
Huse, W. D., rods and washers,	9 46
Hodgdon, Geo. W., labor,	136 24
March.	
Howard, S. A., 8 days with team,	20 00
Holmes, C. W., iron work, Bristol bridge,	40 38
Hawkins, Willie S., labor,	3 00
Hall, Harlow, breaking roads,	4 10
Howard, E. M., labor,	160 49
Hadlock, John, repairs for road machine,	18 35
April.	
Howard, S. A., 13 days with team,	32 50
Huckins, James B., labor and team,	25 80
Hopkins, Natt B., labor,	59 99
Huckins, Edwin M., labor and team,	40 85
May.	
Howard, S. A., 25 days with team,	62 50

Hopkins E. S., labor,	\$18 57
Huckins, Victor L, labor and team,	45 05
Hawkins, A. S., breaking roads,	51 37
Huckins, Rodney H., labor,	15 00
June.	
Howard, S. A., 26 days with team.	65 00
Huckins, C. B., team and labor,	29 87
Heath, Fred L., labor,	26 25
July.	
Howard, S. A., 25 days with team,	62 50
Hawkins, Arthur, labor,	19 50
Haynes, N. P., labor and breaking roads,	39 41
August.	
Howard, S. A., 28 days, (3 Sundays) with team,	70 00
Higgins, Frank, labor,	36 00
Huckins, R. L., labor,	14 62
Sept.	
Howard, S. A., 25 days with team,	62 50
Harper, Lucian J., labor and breaking road,	65 34
Oct.	
Howard, S. A., 24 days with team,	60 00
Nov.	
Howard, S. A., 16 days with team,	40 00
Dec.	
Howard, S. A., 9 days with team,	22 50
Jan., 1898.	
Howard, S. A., 6 days with team,	15 00
Feb.	
Howard, S. A., 5 days with team,	12 50
Huckins, Geo. M., lumber, road machine,	50
Howard, S. A., repairs for road machine,	11 25
Howard, S. A., repairs and postage stamps,	6 47
Hutchinson, H. H., labor,	5 25
Jones, John W., lighting culvert,	60
Johnson, Joshua J., labor,	10 50
Keyser, C. R., road machine team, 56 days,	350 00

Kelley, S. G., breaking roads,	\$ 9 95
Keniston, T. M., labor with team,	36 75
Kimball, J. A., labor and team,	4 54
Kenney, M. T., labor,	6 75
Killey, E. P. G., labor,	2 55
Lougee, E. B., labor,	11 25
Morse, N. W., boss, Bristol bridge,	63 21
Mead, J. H., labor,	8 00
Morrill, F. P. & Co., tools and spikes,	17 50
Moulton, W. F., labor,	1 50
Merrill, C. N., lumber and team,	7 78
Moorey, M. M., labor on bridges,	42 75
Mudgett, A. M., labor with team,	43 55
Martin, Ira, breaking roads,	19 72
Main, D. S., labor,	78 96
Mooney, Frank, labor,	17 25
Martin, Hadley B., labor,	6 75
Muzzie, William, labor	1 35
Meservey, J. E.,	13 50
Nockman, Etta B., breaking roads,	6 50
Plaisted, Samuel, labor and team,	31 85
Preston, F. W., labor with team,	19 25
Picketing, Ed E., labor,	21 00
Porter, F. H., labor,	36 75
Provençal, E., labor,	1 28
Plaisted, W. B., labor with team,	1 50
Perkins, F. L., labor on Bristol bridge.	11 00
Pike, L. M. labor and teams,	52 75
Robinson, Asa R., labor and wall,	80 99
Robinson, W. R., labor,	3 00
Robinson, Frank W., labor and team,	12 75
Robinson, T. P. labor,	1 35
Rollins, Wilber, labor,	99 75
Robinson, D. E., labor,	1 50
Rockwell, J. W., labor,	53 67
Robie, Wm. R., labor,	3 20

Ramsey, James,	\$ 5 40
Smith, Floyd, labor,	3 00
Smith, D. H.,	16 00
Smith, B. H., labor and team,	113 90
Stevens, C. P., labor and team,	28 02
Smith, C. L., labor,	12 00
Sleeper, Oscar, labor,	4 50
Smith, Frank B., team and breaking roads,	54 30
Smith, E. W., labor,	57 37
Swain, J. S., breaking roads,	37 42
Seavey, D. D., breaking sidewalks,	9 90
Smith, Geo. F., labor and team,	19 00
Smith, A. L., breaking roads,	15 65
Sherburne, Lowie I., labor,	5 25
Smith J. W., labor,	1 50
Sanborn, C. B., breaking roads,	75
Stevens, I. P., labor,	1 50
Smith, K. W., labor and team,	19 00
Sleeper, N. B., labor and damage,	10 39
Sanborn, F. D., labor and team,	111 61
Sanborn, Elmer T., labor,	21 00
Stevens, J. S., labor,	26 10
Smith, Albert B., labor,	63 72
Smith, L. H., labor and breaking roads,	16 65
Small, C. L., labor,	47 25
Shaw, F. B., labor with team,	101 90
Shepard, H. H., lumber,	27 99
Smith, Joseph F., lumber,	43 00
Styles, E. labor,	15 75
Sanborn, David, labor,	2 85
Smith, S. E., labor,	2 40
Torsey, G. B., labor,	90 72
Tilton, Geo. H., stonework and labor,	66 45
Tyler, C. S., labor,	9 40
Tilton, Mrs. J. B., use of derrick,	20 00
Thompson, Lizzie B., land damage,	3 00

Tilton, J. C., labor, team and lumber,	\$243 86
Tuttle, Carl, labor,	20 00
Tilton, G. L., labor with team,	4 05
Veasey, H. Q., breaking roads,	64 54
Veasey, Bryon L., labor,	30 12
Veasey, Lyman, F. breaking roads,	25 05
Walker, J. H., labor and team,	6 00
Waterson, George. labor,	1 50
Wallace, D. P., labor	3 00
Wilmarth, W. H., labor,	3 00
Ward, N. S., breaking roads,	28 36
Wallace, Wm. H., labor,	16 50
Wade, A. O., labor on Bristol bridge,	23 00
Whitcher, D. B., breaking roads,	5 51
Webster, O. F., labor,	75
Wells, H. P., breaking roads,	18 35
Wallace, Eddie C., breaking roads,	15 91

Total Amount, \$5,468 76

THE ROADS WERE IN COMPLETE CONDITION AND COST
\$1,237.73 BEFORE THE WASHOUT OF JULY 20th.

THE MOST COSTLY JOBS CLASSIFIED. CLOSE
ESTIMATE MADE.

Repaired Bristol lower bridge,	\$300 00
New Cummings bridge,	230 00
“ Magoon bridge,	317 00
“ Five culverts on new road,	125 00
“ Ten culverts in different parts of town,	207 00
Repairing Straits road,	305 00
“ Little Hollow road,	215 00
“ Mudgett Hill road,	327 00
“ Cooley Hill road,	98 00
“ Beach Hill road,	57 00
Covering Shingle-Camp hill,	94 00
Covering cemetery hill,	67 00

ROAD MACHINE

Is in a worn-out condition and not a fit tool to do the work required on our roads.

THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON.

RECEIVED OF TREASURER.

1897.

March.	\$50 00
April.	500 00
May.	300 00
June.	500 00
August.	1000 00
September.	500 00
October.	850 00
November.	500 00
December.	300 00

1898.

January.	300 00
February.	660 20

Total,	\$5,460 20
Received from town of Bristol	8 56

Total amount received,	\$5,468 76
Amount expended on roads and bridges,	\$5,468 76

We have examined the above account and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. E. DICKERMAN,

A. S. BRONSON,

Auditors.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

The following is respectfully submitted :

In presenting our annual report to the parents, guardians and citizens of the town, we do so believing that the school work of the past year will compare favorably with that of former years. Some drawbacks are always to be expected and the year in this respect is no exception,

Additional funds gave us little longer school this year than last. In eight divisions of the town the spring term was continued ten weeks, the fall term twelve weeks. This was as long as it was thought advisable to run the schools. As there was not sufficient funds for another term, it was deemed best to reserve the balance of money which, when added another year to the same amount of school money we have had this, will insure us three good terms of school.

Our teachers the past year, as a rule, have been quite successful; a few however, have not met our expectations. We always prefer, other things being equal, to give the preference to home talent. We have some excellent instructors, and if they would be a little more rigid discipline, they would make first-class teachers.

There are many things taken into consideration to make up a perfect school. Among them are the requisites of a good teacher, one who is well informed on general subjects and not confined in imparting knowledge to the matter of the text-book in hand.

It is a self-evident truth that punctuality is an essential to success in every undertaking. With this established fact in view, we feel that the united efforts of parents and School Board should cooperate with teachers in removing from our schools such obstacles as tardiness and irregularity of attendance. In some cases these faults have become so habitual as to greatly lessen the value of the term's work.

At the beginning of each term your School Board endeavored to secure better attendance, by asking the teachers to make an extra effort, also by pointing out to the pupils the disadvantages to themselves from irregular attendance, and encouraging them to be more constant and punctual; yet our records show more than one thousand days of absences.

Now if all parents would feel the responsibility of having their children at school every day and always in season, we would be surprised to note the improvement in our schools in one year. Let us imagine ourselves trying to do any piece of work while finding day after day part of our material or tools missing; then we may be able to exercise a little charity toward the teacher who works week after week under similar conditions and does not accomplish all we think she ought. We wish to call your attention to the fact that several of our school rooms sadly need repairing. We are asking our children to stay week after week in rooms that we could not pleasantly spend one-half day in, if it were not for the effort the children always make to entertain us. These school rooms need the woodwork painted, the walls freshened, and the desks repaired and varnished, and a ventilator placed in the upper part of each room, where there are none, to make it attractive and comfortable for the children. Some of the houses need painting on the outside to preserve them in good condition.

We sincerely hope the citizens of New Hampton will respond liberally to the call for funds for this much-needed work the coming year.

The school meeting has been called this year on the same day as the annual town meeting, and we hope to see a large attendance and every one ready to cast his or her vote for the best interest of our schools.

Whole amount of school money,	\$1,317 68
Average amount to each scholar,	8 44
Whole number of weeks taught,	176
Whole number of terms taught,	16
Whole number attending school,	156

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Spring Term.—Teacher, Elizabeth F. Blake of Pittsfield. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 18; average attendance, 15. Instances of tardiness, 8; visitors, 25.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Chester Haynes, Elmer Haynes, Milton Whitcher, Everett Woodman.

Fall Term.—Teacher, George K. Pattee of Bristol. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 19; average attendance, 13. Instances of tardiness, 88; visitors, 24.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Olive H. Haynes, Ivan F. Dolloff, Chester P. Haynes, Elmer M. Haynes, Milton J. Whitcher, Everett E. Woodman.

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Spring Term.—Teacher, Eva R. Sanborn of New Hampton. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 14; average attendance, 13. Instances of tardiness, 7; visitors, 14.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Mary L. Huckins, Elsie M. Huckins, Clarence W. Huckins, Grace M. Corliss, Marion F. Smith, Mildred E. Smith, Walter Read.

Fall Term.—Teacher, Eva R. Sanborn of New Hampton. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of pupils, 15; average attendance, 10. Instances of tardiness, 6; visitors, 19.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Marion F. Smith, Clarence W. Huckins.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Spring Term.—Teacher, Bessie C. Tyler of West Newbury, Vt. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 40; average attendance, 34. Instances of tardiness, 36; visitors, 41.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

George Grant, Arthur Jones, Nina Jones, Maurice Morrill, Julian Seavey, Berl Tilton, Maud Tilton, Mary Fox, Mary Bachelor, Ina Edgerly, Berrie Goodell, Nina Goodell, Bertha Sleeper.

Fall term.—Teacher, E. May Whitcher, of New Hampton. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of pupils, 33; average attendance, 28; instances of tardiness, 60; visitors 42.

Roll of Perfect Attendance

Mabel Dickerman, Ruth Flanders, Nina Jones, Mildred Morse Maud Tilton, Berl Tilton, Arthur Jones.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Spring term.—Teacher, George W. Gilman, of New Hampton. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 22; average attendance, 19; instances of tardiness, 0; visitors, 76.

Roll of Perfect Attendance,

Howard Drake, Amy Hopkins, Anna Hopkins, Alice M Hopkins, Grace E. Hopkins, Frank Batchelder, Fred Provencal, Clarence Boynton.

Fall term.—Teacher, George W. Gilman, of New Hampton. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of pupils, 13; average attendance, 10; instances of tardiness, none, visitors, 32;

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Grace Hopkins, Anna Hopkins, Alice M. Hopkins, Edith Silver, Fred Provencal.

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Spring Term.—Teacher, Lucy M. Axtell of Bristol. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 5; average attendance, 5. Instances of tardiness, none; visitors, 22.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Arthur R. Kenney, Harry B. Welch, Marshall J. Kenney, Ernest E. Welch.

Fall term.—Teacher, Lucy M. Axtell of Bristol. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of pupils, 9; average attendance, 6. Instances of tardiness, none; visitors, 5.

SCHOOL NO 12

Spring term.—Teacher, Ethel L. Fifield of New Hampton. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 13; average attendance, 7. Instances of tardiness, 12; visitors, 12.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Leon C. Dow, Donna B. Coolidge, Dora G. Coolidge.

Fall term—Teacher, Ada M. Burleigh of New Hampton. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of pupils, 15; average attendance, 9. Instances of tardiness, 5; visitors, 19.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Charlie A. Davis, Derman J. Davis.

SCHOOL NO. 13.

Spring term.—Teacher, Abbie F. Dearborn of New Hampton. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of pupils, 9; average attendance, 8; instances of tardiness, none; visitors, 16.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Bessie H. Morey, Rufus Blake, Leon E. Robinson.

Fall term.—Teacher, Abbie F. Dearborn, of New Hampton. Length of school, 13 weeks; number of pupils, 11; average attendance, 9; instances of tardiness, 52; visitors, 35.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Bessie H. Morey, Herman Robinson, Leon E. Robinson.

SCHOOL NO. 16.

Spring term.—Teacher, Edith T. Drake of Franklin Falls. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 7; average attendance, 7. Instances of tardiness, 18; visitors, 1.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Horace Moody, John W. Moody.

Fall term.—Teacher, Etta V. Simonds of Hill. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of pupils, 5; average attendance, 5. Instances of tardiness, 4; visitors, 3.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Orren J. Moody, John W. Moody, Horace W. Moody.

EMMA F. BRONSON,
LEWIS P. BICKFORD,
ELISHA S. CRAM,

School Board.

Statistical Table.

No. of School.	No. of Terms.	Name of Teacher.	Wages Including Board.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Pupils each Term.	No. of Boys.	No. of Girls.	Av. daily attendance	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in History.	No. in Composition.	No. in Physiology.	No. in Book-keeping.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Phys. Geog.	No. in Drawing.	No. in Vocal Music.	Non-membership in Half-days.	No. of Half-day.	Absence.	No. on Roll Perfect Attendance.	No. visits by board.	No. visits by Citizens.
1	1	Elizabeth F. Blake	\$28	10	18	11	7	15	18	18	17	16	9	7	1	0	18	None.			0	0	0	0	170	134	4	25
1	2	George K. Pattee	28	12	19	13	6	13	19	19	19	14	13	8	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	462	202	7	24	
3	1	Eva R. Sanborn	24	10	14	6	8	10	14	14	13	14	10	6	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	50	7	14	
3	2	"	24	12	15	7	8	10	15	14	12	14	7	6	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	378	183	2	19		
4	1	Bessie C. Tyler	32	10	40	17	23	34	40	40	26	24	19	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	265	14	41		
4	2	E. May Whitther	32	12	33	15	17	28	33	33	28	24	15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	302	274	7	42		
5	1	George W. Gilman	24	10	22	9	13	19	22	16	14	11	5	4	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	188	144	8	76		
5	2	"	24	12	13	5	8	10	13	13	11	9	1	1	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	310	45	5	32		
7	1	Lucy M. Axtell	18	10	5	4	1	5	5	5	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	0	22
7	2	"	18	12	9	4	2	6	9	9	9	9	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	145	0	5	2	
12	1	Ethel L. Fifield	24	10	13	6	7	9	13	13	13	10	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	422	163	3	19		
12	2	Ada M. Burleigh	22	12	15	7	7	9	14	13	12	12	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	553	198	3	16		
13	1	Abbie F. Dearborn	20	10	9	7	2	8	9	16	6	4	4	3	0	0	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	71	184	3	35
13	2	"	20	12	11	9	2	9	11	9	7	7	3	0	0	0	17	0	1	0	0	0	34	21	2	1	2	
16	1	Edith T. Drake	20	10	7	3	2	7	7	7	7	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	3	1	
16	2	Etta V. Simonds	20	12	9	3	2	7	5	7	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	3	1

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1898.

Emma F. Bronson Treasurer. In account with
New Hampton School District.

1897.		Dr.
Mar. 16	To Cash on hand,	\$95 92
May 10	Tuition, M. R. Weeks,	1 75
June 25	Town Treasurer.	100 00
June 26	Town Treasurer	400 00
Nov. 29	Town Treasurer,	700 00
Dec. 2	Tuition, A. B. Flanders,	3 00
Feb. 14	Town Treasurer,	79
15	Town Treasurer,	41 80
18	Town Treasurer,	75 88
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		\$1,419 14

Emma F. Bronson, Treasurer, In account with
New Hampton School District.

1897.		Cr.
Apr 9	By W. H. H. Buzzell, wood,	\$6 00
16	Rufus Flanders, wood,	1 00
17	Jane Johnson, cleaning 3 school-houses,	3 00
28	Frank P. Normington, fitting wood,	50
May 24	R. A. Carver, printing school notices,	2 00
June 12	David Sanborn, cleaning school-house,	1 25
12	David Sanborn, wood and fitting,	1 90
14	George A. Robie, for settees No. 4,	7 00
15	Freight on books,	79
19	G. B. Torsey, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 25
25	Ethel L. Fifield, teaching ten wks & board,	60 00
26	Bessie C. Tyler, teaching ten weeks,	60 00
26	H. B. Smith, wood and fitting,	3 50
26	A. S. Bronson, boarding teacher ten wks,	20 00
July 2	John S. Fifield, wood,	4 00
	Ira Martin, wood,	3 75

July	2	Lucy M. Axtell, board ten weeks, No. 7,	\$20 00
		Edith T. Drake, " No. 16,	20 00
		Eva R. Sanborn, teaching ten wks. & board,	60 00
July	9	Geo. W. Gilman, " "	60 00
	10	Lucy M. Axtell, teaching ten weeks,	25 00
		Edith T. Drake, " "	30 00
	17	Abbie F. Dearborn, teaching 9 wks & board,	45 00
	19	Elizabeth F. Blake, 10 "	70 00
	21	E. S. Cram, cleaning schoolhouse,	1 75
Sept	9	J. M. Flanders, Jr., wood,	1 75
Nov.	29	E. May Whitchee, teaching 12 wks & board,	96 00
	3	Eva R. Sanborn, " " "	72 00
	30	F. D. Sanborn, wood,	1 50
Dec.	1	Ada M. Burleigh, teaching, 12 wks & board,	66 00
	2	Abbie F. Dearbon, teaching, 13 wks & board,	65 00
	2	Etta V. Simonds, teaching, 12 weeks,	36 00
	2	Mrs. J. S. Chase, boarding teacher, 12 wks,	24 00
	6	Town of Ashland, for union school,	50 20
	7	L. P. Bickford, wood and fitting, cleaning schoolhouse, &c.	7 00
	10	Lucy M. Axtell, teaching, 12 wks & board,	54 00
	11	George W. Gilman, teaching 12 wks & board,	72 00
	11	George K. Pattee, teaching, 12 wks & board,	84 00
	20	F. P. Morrill & Co. bill for supplies.	6 78
Jan.	29	E. S. Cram, bill for wood and repairs	8 10
Feb.	15	J. A. Simonds, fitting & putting in wood,	25
	17	T. M. Keniston, del'g two settees No. 4,	25
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			\$1,152 52
18	Balance,		266 62
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			\$1,419 14

EMMA F. BRONSON.

Treasurer School Board.

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. E. DICKERMAN,
A. S. BRONSON,

Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT, SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIR FUND,
YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1898.

Emma F. Bronson, Treasurer, in account with New Hampton
School District.

1897.		Dr.
Mar. 16.	To cash on hand.	\$27 06
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		Cr.
June 12	By Dav. Sanborn, glass and work on windows	\$1 43
26	J. C. Tilton, labor and nails, No. 3,	8 40
26	B. H. Smith, 5 M. shingles, No. 3, at \$2.50,	12 50
July 21	E. S. Cram, repairs, No. 1,	60
Dec. 7	L. P. Bickford, bill for repairs,	1 44
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		\$24 37
Balance on hand,		2 69
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		\$27 06

EMMA F. BRONSON, *School Treasurer.*

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. E. DICKERMAN.
A. S. BRONSON.

Auditors.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the school district of the town of New Hampton, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house, in said district, on the 8th day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers heretofore choosen, and pass any vote relating hereto.
6. To see how much money the district will vote to raise for school supplies, above what the law requires.
7. To see how much money the district will vote to raise for repairing school houses.
8. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said New Hampton, this 29th day of January, 1898.

E. F. BRONSON,
E. S. CRAM,

School Board.

Vital Statistics.

Births Registered in the Town of New Hampton for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any)	Male or Female	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Children 1, 2, etc.	Color.	Father's Name.	Mother's Maiden Name.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan. 19		F	Stillborn	5	All White.	Albert B. Smith	Ella M. Smith	All White	N. Hampton	Farmer	N. Hampton	N. Hampton		
Apr. 20		M	Living	2	"	B. H. Rockwell	Alice S. Lakin	"	"	Farmer	Allenstown	Hooksett		
" 28		M	"	3	"	T. M. Keniston	Ella M. French	"	"	Farmer	England	Rumney		
May 5		M	"	2	"	J. V. Coward	Emily Burkitt	"	"	Farmer	England	Canada		
" 9		M	"	2	"	Simeon Blake	Amy Smith	"	"	Farmer	Holderness	N. Hampton		
Jun 11		M	"	2	"	J. R. Dearborn	May E. Dow	"	"	Farmer	N. Hampton	N. H.		
Jun 14	Claive	M	"	4	"	R. H. Hucksins	Luna Bartlett	"	"	Farmer	Lakeport	Suncook		
July 4		F	"	2	"	Fred J. Jordan	Mary Blonin	"	"	Blacksmith	Stewartstown	Canada		
" 11		M	"	5	"	Charles Moody	Mary Blonin	"	"	Blacksmith	"	"		
Aug 16	Bertha Stella	F	"	2	"	Edwin C. Stiles	Fannie E. Smith	"	Amherst Mass	Farmer	Vermont	Chickopee M.		
Sept 7		F	"	5	"	M. W. Daley	Margaret McCol	"	N. Hampton	Farmer	Manchester	Ireland		
Nov 21	Otis R.	M	"	1	"	E. T. Sanborn	E. Archabault	"	"	Farmer	Bristol	Vermont		
Dec 18		F	"	4	"	M. John Kenney	Abbie A. Evans	"	"	Farmer	Canada	Holderness		
" 28	Frank J.	M	"	1	"	Frank S. Corliss	Catherine Davis	"	"	Farmer	Cambridge M	Canterbury		

Marriages Registered in the Town of New Hampton for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color of Each	Occupation. of Groom and Bride.	Place Of Birth	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	No. Times Mar'd	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Sept 15	Clarence E. Ward	N. Hampton	22		Carpenter	N. Hampton	Noah S. Ward	N. Hampton	Farmer	1	Rev. A. W. Bradeen
	Ida R. Webster	Ctr. Harbor	23		Teacher	Ctr. Harbor	Sara F. Woodman Moses G. Webster	Meredith Ctr. Harbor	Housekeeper Farmer	1	Meredith
Oct 14	Frank S. Corliss	N. Hampton	16		Farmer	Cambridge M	Hannah Smith John S. Corliss	N. Hampton	Farmer	1	Frank P. Morrill, J. P.
	Catherine S. Davis	"	17			Canterbury	Sarah Cassidy Henry A. Davis	Ireland	Housewife Farmer	1	New Hampton
Nov 12	Henry O. Chase	"	22		Laborer	N. Hampton	Eliza Brown Plummer Chase	Ctr. Harbor	Housewife Farmer	1	Rev. N. Glidden
	Mary L. Huckins	"	29	All White.	Housekeeper	Rumney	Betsy Piper Marcelle Sorell		Housewife Farmer	2	Meredith
Dec. 2	Luther H. Drake	"	30		Farmer	Nashua	John P. Drake M. Richardson	N. Hampton	Farmer	1	Rev. A. B. Meservey
	Minnie E. Boynton	"	16			N. Hampton	Elbridge Boynton Deceased	Pelham Ctr. Harbor	Housewife Farmer	1	New Hampton

Deaths Registered in the Town of New Hampton for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age		Place of Birth	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Occupat'n	Cause of Death.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name, or Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.									
Jan 17	Avery, Daniel C.	72		24	M	All White	Omitted	Farmer	Pneumonia	Jacob Avery	Jamima	Barnstead	Campton
" 19	Rollins, Alvira B	70	8	14	F	"	"	Housewife	Stillborn	Albert L. Smith	Ella M. Smith	N. Hampton	N. Hampton
Mar 28	Kelley, Laura A	57	2	28	F	"	"	"	Pneumonia	James Bickford	Lucinda	Meredith	Meredith
Apr 17	Dalton, Mary A	98	6	3	F	"	"	"	Consumption	Samuel Emerson	Anna Carter	N. Hampton	N. Hampton
M'y 12	Huckins, Jessie E	1	1	12	F	"	"	"	Old Age	Timothy			
July 9	Hawkins, Ray	2	1	8	M	"	"	"	Convulsions	Rodney H.	Luora B. Bartlett	Lakeport	Suncook
" 15	Green, Martha	58	1		F	"	"	"	Nepbritis	Willis S.	Emily Randall	Ctr. Harbor	Canaan
" 18	Stevens, David	28			M	"	"	Laborer	Fever	Wm. Green	Harriet Kimball	Concord	Concord
" 30	Hall, Rhoda A	53	7	23	F	"	"	Housewife	Cardiroma				
Aug 9	Smith, Rachel	78	2		F	"	"	"	Heart Disease				
Oct 1	Huckins, Timothy	72	6	28	M	"	"	Farmer	Abscess	Chas.	Susan Wilkinson	N. Hampton	N. Hampton
" 21	Boyn-ton, Nellie A	43			F	"	"	Housewife	Blood Poisoning	Milton Haynes	May Smith		
" 28	Dyer, William	86		2	M	"	"	Merchant	Old Age				
Dec 5	Blake, Frances L	47	10	3	M	"	"	Farmer	Paralysis	Oliver	Saloma Kelley	Pittsfield	N. Hampton
" 5	Drake, Melinda	91	4	24	F	"	"	Housewife		Joseph Mudgett	Eastman		

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWARD E. DOW, Town Clerk.

